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In re Patent Application of

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
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Sir:

Applicants request that the Patent and Trademark Office withdraw the Restriction Requirement mailed May 22, 2001.

This application is a CPA application filed to permit consideration of a supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. Before the CPA was filed, Claims 5-7, 15, 17, 24 and 31 were **allowed in the Final Office Action mailed October 3, 2000**. These claims have been pending for nearly three years - since the application was filed in June 1998 - and were addressed in a substantive office action in June 1999 before they were indicated allowable in October 2000. Thus, search and examination of both method and apparatus claims has already been conducted by the Examiner. For this reason, it would not unduly burden the PTO to have these claims remain pending in the case.

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The addition of new Claims 34-108 does not present additional burden, in that each of the new claims is dependent on a claim that has been allowed. Specifically:

Claims 34 - 44 are dependent on Claim 5.

Claims 45 - 57 are dependent on Claim 6.

Claims 58 - 70 are dependent on Claim 7.

Claims 71 - 83 are dependent on Claim 15.

Claims 84 - 96 are dependent on Claim 17.

Claims 97 - 108 are dependent on Claim 24.

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Given that Claims 5-7, 15, 17, 24 and 31 have been allowed, and further given that each of Claims 34-108 is dependent on an allowed claim, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement.

In the event the Restriction Requirement is not withdrawn, Applicant provisionally elects the method claims, Claims 5-7, 15, 84-108, with traverse.

Respectfully submitted,

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